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1. UPON RECEIPT REFERENCE TELEGRAM AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE DELIVERED LETTER WITH SUBSTANCE OF TELEGRAM ON MAY 28, 1974, TO MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COLIN MOYLE. DURING DISCUSSION THE MINISTER EXPRESSED CONCERN OF GONZ OVER ACTIONS IN EC AND JAPAN AND ALSO CONCERN THAT US WAS ONLY MAJOR MARKET STILL OPEN TO NZ BEEF EXPORTERS. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS INDICATED MINISTER FULLY AWARE OF US SITUATION AND EXPRESSED HOPE FOR CONTINUED UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO US MARKET.

2. REPLY TO LETTER DELIVERED FRIDAY JUNE 15 AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: IN ASSOCIATION WITH MY COLLEAGUE THE HON. J A WALDING, MINISTER OF OVERSEAS TRADE, I HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING MY REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF MAY 28, 1974, IN WHICH YOU DRAW ATTENTION TO THE CONCERN OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE CURRENT PROBLEMS FACING THE WORLD LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY, AND THE INTERNATIONAL BEEF TRADE IN PARTICULAR.

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THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN SEEKING TO REMEDY THE CURRENT UNSATISFACTORY SITUATION BY MULTILATERAL COOPERATION RATHER THAN RESORTING TO UNILATERAL AND RESTRICTIVE TRADE ACTION, AND HOPES THAT WIDER ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH COOPERATION CAN BE ACHIEVED IN THE FORTHCOMING ROUND OF GATT MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

ACCORDINGLY IT HAS BEEN WITH CONSIDRABLE CONCERN THAT NEW ZEALAND HAS NOTED THE ACTIONS OF JAPAN AND THE EEC IN THEIR RECENT ATTEMPTS TO CURB BEEF IMPORTS AT A TIME OF TEMPORARY INTERNAL SURPLUS AND FOLLOWING CLOSELY THE INTROUDCTION OF MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE A MARKET SHORTFALL SITUATION. IN FACT, NEW ZEALAND HAS ALREADY MADE SUBMISSIONS TO THE EEC AND THE BRITISH CONCERNING THE RECENT IMPOSITION OF RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS, AND THE JAPANESE REGARDING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE GLOBAL IMPORT QUOTA.

FOR SOME TIME NOW, THE NEW ZEALAND APPROACH HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN TO WORK FOR A STABLE AND REGULAR WORLD TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, AND TO OPPOSE ALL ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS TO THIS TRADE. NEW ZEALAND HAS ARGUED THAT MEASURES TAKEN BY IMPORTING COUNTRIES SHOULD TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF THE NEED TO MAINTAIN STABLE CONDITIONS OF TRADE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE CONSUMER, AS WELL AS THE TRADER. OFFICIALS HAVE POINTED TO THE STEADY BUILD-UP IN CATTLE NUMBERS IN NEW ZEALAND, A TREND UNBROKEN SINCE 1957, AND STRESSED THE REGULARITY AND DEPENDABILITY OF SUPPLY FROM THIS COUNTRY. THE PRESENT IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, AND THE THREAT OF IMPOSITION OF ADDITIONAL QUATITATIVE LIMITATIONS FACING NEW ZEALAND PRODUCTERS REPRESENT INHIBITORY FACTORS TO THE FURTHER EXPANSION OF PRODUCTION AT AT A TIME WHEN A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL BODIES ARE FORECASTING AN INCREASING WORLD DEMAND FOR ALL FORMS OF PROTEIN IN THE FUTURE.

IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBLE NEED FOR FURTHER APPROACHES SUBSEQUENT TO INITIATIVES ALREADY BEGUN, NEW ZEALAND
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WOULD NOT WISH AT THIS TIME TO LIMIT IN ANY WAY ITS FREEDOM TO FURTHER THESE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD THE NEED ARISE. IT WOULD, HOWEVER, WELCOME AND SUPPORT ANY EFFORTS TO CONVENE A MULTILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN MAJOR EXPORTING AND IMPORTING COUNTRIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO AVOID A FURTHER SHORT-TERM DETERIORATION AND A LONGER TERM DISLOCATION TO THE WORLD BEEF TRADE. END QUOTE.

3. AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE IN NUMEROUS APPEARANCES BEFORE FARM GROUPS ATTEMPTING TO PORTRAY TRUE SITUATION IN US AND OTHER COUNTRIES RELATIVE TO CATTLE BUILD-UP AND INCREASES IN BEEF PRODUCTION.

4. AGATTACHE CONVEYED HEART OF REF TELEGRAM TO CHAIRMAN AND MANAGEMENT NEW ZEALAND MEAT PRODUCERS BOARD WHO ARE VERY CONCERNED WITH DRASTIC DROP IN VALUE OF CATTLE COMPARED WITH YEAR AGO REALIZATION.

5. FEDERATED FARMERS NOW PRESSING NEW ZEALAND MEAT PRODUCERS BOARD TO STEP IN AND TAKE OVER MARKETING OF BEEF BOLSTERING PRICES WITH INDUSTRY RESERVE FUND.
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